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Purpose of Intercession

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The purpose of intercession is to establish the will of the Father on earth. He wishes **all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth.** (1 Timothy 2:4 AMP) Then from the Old Testament we read: **For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.** (Jeremiah 29:11 AMP)

God's purpose far outreaches the comprehension of the average churchgoer. However, within the broad scope of His plan we can approach the Father on behalf of others, praying as He has instructed us. Through the medium of prayer we are instrumental in establishing the intercession of Jesus on earth.

A City in Turmoil

Even as I sit here at the computer I feel overwhelmed by the events of the past two weeks; the hurricane Katrina that hit along the coast line of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, and then the unthinkable



happened—the levees in New Orleans, Louisiana could no longer hold the waters back—the city was flooded, and thousands were stranded. This wasn't a movie script, this was real. Our hearts were grieved as we watched men trying to get their families to high ground, mothers cradling babies in their arms while trying to hold onto toddlers. We saw neighbors helping the elderly find their way through flooded streets to a place of refuge.

A few days later I visited a location near Atlanta where I had the opportunity to take donations to a group of evacuates. Fighting tears I looked into the eyes of a people in shock, and listened as many expressed their gratitude. I saw no bitterness, but people who were thankful to be alive. The atmosphere was filled with love, volunteers offered hugs and the compassion of Jesus flowed from one heart to another. I heard again and again, "God bless you. I am praying for you." I believe that the prayers of intercessors restrained the utter destruction of the city of New Orleans.

A Wake up Call

Testimonies of God's protection and deliverance are surfacing; families who were separated are being reunited. This is a wake up call to people everywhere. It is time for God's people to reevaluate, time to seek God, asking Him for understanding of the times in which we live. Are we so caught up in a materialistic mentality that we can't see there are more important things? I can almost remember the words of an old song that goes something like this, "Souls are crying, men are dying; won't you lead them to the Lord today?" We must look beyond ourselves, and pray in agreement with the intercession of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is calling the church to pray and demonstrate the love of God.

Spirit-Led Intercession Brings Deliverance

One morning a few years ago as I began to pray, I felt overwhelmed by the many and various needs of numerous individuals. There were too many names to even mention. Contemplating how and where to start, I asked the Holy Spirit to help me pray. He always knows the plan of the Father, and He knows where your prayers are most needed.



On this occasion after praying in the spirit for a few minutes, I realized that I was entering into that place of prayer where the Holy Spirit “takes hold together with us” against our inability to produce results. I did not even know for whom I was praying, much less the desired results. (Read Romans 8:26-28,)

A few minutes later the Holy Spirit revealed the individual for whom I was praying, and led me to rebuke the forces of darkness that had controlled his thinking and blinded his eyes. He was delivered from a deaf and dumb spirit that had twisted the truth and held him in bondage.

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Pleading the Cause of Others

Pleading the cause of others, as in a court, case, is another purpose for intercession (I Tim. 2:1). Here again, Jesus is our example. Isaiah said of Him, *He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors* (Isa. 53:12).

When praying for others, it is important to unite with the Holy Spirit. There is power in our words, and if we do not pray according to the will of God, we will pray amiss, perhaps delaying the fulfillment of God's plan and purpose in an individual's life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the intercession of Jesus for those with whom you are emotionally involved, especially family members. This is an area in which your own will and feelings can so easily come into play. When you react emotionally to a situation, allowing a prideful attitude or emotional hurts to control your prayers, the picture becomes distorted. Sometimes you may even find yourself seeking revenge in certain situations. You must know the will of God before you can effectively plead the cause of another.

Intercession as Defense or Vindication

Another purpose of intercession is to defend or vindicate someone or his actions. We cannot do this while holding anything against the person for whom we are praying. In order to pray for others, we must

forgive. Unforgiveness is the primary hindrance to answered prayer. As God's ambassadors we hold the ministry of reconciliation.

It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling *and* restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but canceling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). (2 Corinthians 5:19 AMP)

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Intercession and God's Eternal Plan

God's overall plan includes the restoration of all things, the manifestation of the sons of God and the fulfillment of His promises to Israel (Rom. 8-11).

God's purposes are eternal. We are preparing the way of the Lord as He sets the stage for the millennial reign of Christ. It is imperative that we continue in faith, cooperating with God's plan, praying always without fainting or turning coward. God's eternal plan will be consummated. We must remember that it is not people we are to act against; it is the devil and his demonic forces. Do not approach God with accusations against your brothers and sisters; they are not your enemies. To pray against any other human being, even our worst enemy, is to misuse the prayer of intercession.

Let's get serious about interceding for the lost, our government, families, and the church. Bind your mind to the mind of Christ, and release His intercession into the atmosphere. Fill the airwaves with prayer. Let the high praises of God be in your mouth, and a two-edged sword in your hand to execute vengeance only upon the satanic kingdom. Use intercessory prayer as a spiritual weapon on behalf of those held in bondage by the powers of darkness.

Continue to pray for the victims of Katrina as they rebuild their lives. Do everything that you can prayerfully and financially. My younger grandchildren chose their good quality toys to take to children who had lost everything. My sister-in-law, Shirley Whitfield, went home to be with the Lord recently. Her

family donated all her clothes, because "that's what she would have wanted." Jesus said that we shall be known as His disciples by our love for one another. The foundation of intercession is love in action.

In her book, *Contact with God*, Jeanne Wilkerson with Brent Olsson, wrote:

"There may be earthquakes, tornadoes, and all types of calamities coming to this earth. As the body of Christ, you must be the patrol guard over your cities and nations! For example, when you hear that destructive forces are about to come against you or your city, you, as intercessors, need to stop them in the name of the Lord. Jesus did it, and so can you." (Pages 77-18)



You can pray prayers that avail much in the name of Jesus!

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Tameeka Brundidge on May 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm

I noticed this was published in 2017, but this is so timely for God's purpose in my life right now. I greatly appreciate when God's people are obedient because His revelations always reaches those it's meant to reach. God bless♥

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